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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Asterisked items are either reported for the first time, or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

*8 June, Washington, D. C.

During a Memorial Day demonstration, Cora Weiss, a leader of Women Strike for Peace, stated that beginning on 8 June, women will sit in at the office of every senator in Washington, D. C., to see that no work is done other than the stopping of war funds.

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*10 June, Washington, D. C.

A subcommittee of the House Internal Security Committee (formerly HCUA) will resume its hearings concerning the extent that communists control or play a role in the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

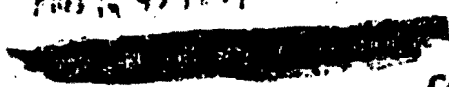
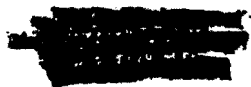
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10 June, Nationwide

Plans were approved in the closing session (May 21) of a three-day conference called by the Union for National Draft Opposition (UNDO), an anti-war movement begun on the Princeton University campus following the invasion of the Cambodian sanctuaries. Anti-war students from over 90 colleges called for open resistance to Selective Service beginning with a "National Anti-draft Day" on 10 June.

Students will begin to gather signatures on the "Charlottesville Pledge"—an anti-draft pledge in which the signer will commit himself to turning in his draft card once 100,000 names are collected. Other activities to be carried out that day include rallies, teach-ins, and sit-ins at Selective Service boards.

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*19 June, Washington, D. C.

The 5/31 issue of the Black Panther (official BPP newspaper) carries a full-page announcement: The BPP calls for a mass rally and national press conference to announce date and place of REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D. C., 19 June 1970.

Another source has reported that an official of the Bronx, New York, chapter of the BPP plans to release a statement concerning a mass march and demonstration at the Lincoln Memorial on 19 June. The purpose of the demonstration is to protest the denial of rights to black people. Reportedly one of the speakers at the demonstration will be Ralph D. Abernathy, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. 19 June FAL IN 074016

*19-21 June, Cleveland, Ohio

A National Emergency Conference against Cambodia-Laos-Vietnam War will be held at Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, Ohio, 19-21 June. This conference is being sponsored by the Student Mobe and the Cleveland Area Peace Action Council. Its purpose is to plan future anti-war activity. Participants in the conference plan to demonstrate at Cleveland on 20 June when the Vice President visits that city to speak at a fund-raising dinner. 20 June 70

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*27-28 June, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (tentative)

A New Mobe sponsored national anti-war conference is being planned for 27 and 28 June at which time it is expected a final decision will be made whether to return to earlier tactics of large-scale, "non-violent, civil disobedience." The belief of many members of the Mobe's liberal-radical coalition that the May 9th anti-war demonstration in Washington was a "disaster" accomplishing little with its traditional march-rally scenario has them leaning towards more militant action for the future. Final plans as to the nature and place of the activities should come out of this conference. Regardless of the consensus decision of the group, a number of the more radical leaders and groups will opt for this return to militancy and will go it alone or form new coalitions.

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Among a number of summer programs tentatively approved at a New Mobe steering committee meeting in Atlanta in May, was the organization of some sort of mass, non-violent demonstration at the end of the summer involving civil disobedience. *WASH. STAR 6-3-70*
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*July, Military Bases

A conference of representatives from 25 military bases met at Atlanta, Georgia, 29-31 May. Forty individuals participated. A national GI Alliance was formed which will be staffed by members of the New Mobe and which will be headquartered at Washington, D. C. The group plans a summer offensive during July. Each local group will decide on its own activities at military bases. Suggested activities include the cancelling of savings bond allotments, the making of allotments to such individuals as Fidel Castro, making the BPP the beneficiary of military insurance policies, and a boycott of mess halls. *FBI IN 0942:8 2 June 70*

*1 July, Washington, D. C.

*5 July, Baltimore, Maryland

*6-9 July, Edgewood Arsenal and Ft. Detrick

A Quaker Action Group, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is sponsoring a campaign against the production of chemical and biological weapons. On 1 July a demonstration will be held at 10 a. m. in front of the White House, Washington, D. C., followed at 1:00 p. m. by a march to the Capitol. Following the demonstration at the Capitol, at 3:00 p. m., a march will be started from Washington, D. C., to Baltimore, Maryland, scheduled to arrive there on the 4th. On 5 July a demonstration and rally will be held in Baltimore. From 6-9 July, separate walks to and demonstrations will be held at Edgewood Arsenal (4/7) and Fort Detrick (4/9). Civil disobedience is being planned for the demonstration at Fort Detrick. *FBI IN 0942:8 4-10-70*

3-5 July, Toronto, Canada

A peace festival is being staged at Mosport auto race track at Toronto and as a main attraction will feature the Beatles. John Lennon and his Yoko will perform on the "largest bed in history" (a

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wall-to-wall matted stage). The event, advertised as a "monster peace festival," will try to book other solid "rock" performers (such as Elvis Presley) and may shape up like another Woodstock. Additional details will be reported if and when they become available. WASH NEWS 5-5-70

4 July, Washington, D. C., and nationwide

Both the New Mobe and the Student Mobe have taken new heart from the current heightened campus unrest and are considering re-vamping their earlier conviction that mass protests had at least temporarily lost their appeal. Both are looking towards July 4 as a possible mass protest day. They have not yet had time to define their plans and goals. D.C. NEWS 4-5-70

*4 July, Washington, D. C.

The Youth International Party (Yippies), the over-publicized brainchild of radical clowns Jerry Rubin, Abbie Hoffman, et al, is reportedly planning a national action in Washington on July 4th to coincide with earlier reports of a "Smoke-In" on the Washington Monument grounds. According to Hoffman, in a Yippie news release, "We're asking people from all over Amerika (sic) to come to D. C. for a Constitutional Convention in July. First we're gonna proclaim ourselves a new nation, then we're gonna declare war on Amerika."

"It's gonna be a summer of siege for Washington. We're out to occupy the Capitol and have a hot three months of liberation." In addition to other things, the release states that the convention will last several days and include refreshments, musical entertainment, a free fireworks show provided by the U. S. Government, recognition by other groups abroad of the "new nation's sovereignty, and who knows what else."

To coordinate the July 4th action, a national Yippie headquarters will open in New York City.

As usual, much of the Hoffman rhetoric is pure bombast and hyperbole, but presumably some effort will be made to desecrate the usual Independence Day memorial services and celebrations.

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Hoffman and his Yippies will undoubtedly be the victims of a conflict in scheduling. Also planned for the Monument area (the Sylvan Theater) is a parade and rally sponsored by the Blackman's Development Center to protest the illegal drug traffic.

The recently scheduled event in Washington which will undoubtedly top the other three (Hoffman's Insurrection City, the underground press Smoke-in, and the BDC protest) is the Billy Graham-Bob Hope sponsored "Honor America Day." According to a Hope statement on Thursday, the Honor America celebration (not demonstration) has the support of a number of large and powerful people and organizations. Counted among the groups are the Boy Scouts of America, Vet groups, the Grange, the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington and others. Some of the prominent people who will support, entertain, and serve the celebration are Hope and Graham, of course, Johnny Cash, Glen Campbell, Billy Casper, Henry Aaron, Willie Mays, Frank Borman, and many others. Hope also indicated that President Nixon might put in an appearance.

Hope added that the Honor America Day is being supported to bring a divided country together and will not deal in the pros and cons of the Indo-China war.

The all-day celebration on the Monument grounds will be staged by Walt Disney productions and the honorary chairmen of the rally are Mamie Eisenhower, Harry Truman, and Lyndon Johnson. Hope intends to demonstrate that Americans can put aside honest differences and show a degree of national unity and respect for the flag.

Additional details will be issued in coming weeks from the rally headquarters at 1725 DeSales Street in Washington.

4-5 July, Chicago, Illinois

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The first National GI Anti-war Conference is planned as an outgrowth of a caucus at the SMC meeting in Cleveland in February. It is possible that the conference held in Atlanta, Georgia, on 29-31 May will supplant this tentatively scheduled Cleveland conference.

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9-18 July, New York

A World Youth Assembly under the sponsorship of the UN Secretary General U Thant is expected to attract 750 participants from all over the world. The Assembly budget (\$733,500) is reportedly in trouble.

*1 August, Saint John, New Brunswick -

Upon return in April of the second Venceremos Brigade, Carol Brightman, a member of the national executive committee of the Brigade, announced that a third group would leave for Cuba 1 August and tentative plans call for their return 14 September. She said that because the sugar harvest ends in July, this group of about 500, which would be composed almost entirely of students, would be employed in other forms of agricultural work.

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On 20 May three members of the Venceremos Brigade sponsored a meeting at the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, to tell of their experiences in Cuba. One of them stated that a third Venceremos Brigade will leave from New Brunswick, Canada, on August 1 to work in the citrus fields on the Isle of Youth. Following the work period, the group will tour Cuba for two weeks. The Cuban Government will pay all expenses from New Brunswick.

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9-19 August, St. Paul, Minnesota

The National Student Association will hold its 23rd annual congress at Macalester College.

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26 August, Nationwide

During the NOW (National Organization for Women) conference in March, Betty Friedan called for a general strike by women on August 26, the 50th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the vote. To protest sex discrimination, she proposed a march by women carrying lighted candles "into the halls of politics" and a massive sit-in for women's rights. Plans are continuing. Aileen Hernandez, new national president succeeding Friedan, said at a press conference in early May, that the demonstration will not be merely "symbolic." She said mothers will leave their children

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